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**PRESENTATION – SLATE BELT AREA YMCA**

Frank Frey, Executive Director, Nazareth YMCA, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the proposed Slate Belt Area YMCA including the location off of State Route 512 in Pen Argyl. At the conclusion of Mr. Frey's presentation Council commenced their regularly scheduled meeting.

The Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Monday, May 4, 2009, was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by Council President, Scott Parsons, at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen: Jon Faust, Kerry Gassler, Dave Hess, George Hinton, Joe Weaver and Tony Curcio. Also in attendance were Mayor Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr. and Borough Administrator Louise Firestone. Absent from the meeting were Ronold Karasek and Borough Engineer Brian Pysher.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Attorney Peter Layman, representing Gibraltar Development, Pete Iselo. Mr. Iselo is purchasing the approved Posh Subdivision off of East First Street, Wind Gap. Pete explained that there are several outstanding technical issues for this project. He hopes to talk to the neighbor, Mr. Karner and may need to include the Borough Engineer in these discussions. The outstanding legal issues need to be directed to the Borough Solicitor, Ron Karasek. George Hinton informed Pete that the street committee has met to discuss the issues regarding the Karner property and if Mr. Karner is in agreement it may not be an issue. Scott thanked Pete for attending the meeting tonight, but informed him that Council will need to proceed on the advice of Ron Karasek.

**APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

**On motion** by Kerry Gassler to approve the April expenses in the amount of \$32,004.58 and seconded by Tony Curcio. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Ron Karasek was absent from the meeting due to a death in his family.

Borough Council had a report from Ron Karasek of all the matters being handled by his law office for the Borough during the month of April 2009. The report includes the meetings attended in April 2009.

**Subdivision Matters:** Correspondence to Borough Planning Office re: extension of time in Wind Gap Development Group – Emerald Forest Major Subdivision.

**Land Development Matters:** N/A

**Zoning and Other Land Use Matters:** Legal research and Preparation of Memorandum re: Miller Property – Abatement of Nuisance. Receipt, Review and Administration of Stenographic Transcript of Public Hearing on I-ME Zoning Amendment.

**Developments on Outstanding Litigation:** N/A.

**Court Decisions on Borough Cases:** N/A

**Miscellaneous:** Comprehensive Review of Police Policy Manual. Preparation of memorandum re: Borough Police Department Manual – Policy and Guidelines. Preparation of Monthly Solicitor's Report. Preparation of Statement of Financial Interests. Review various correspondence, subdivision and land development review letters, prepare correspondence, prepare extension agreements and approval forms for subdivision and land development matters, and make and receive telephone calls.

Outstanding Items: Writ of Summons filed against PP&L and Sprint re: cell tower location. Dentith storm water counterclaim (filed in response to Borough's injunction lawsuit and request for Borough's expenses) – no action taken and remains pending.

Ordinance for loitering, begging and panhandling – pending but inactive.

Ordinance for reimbursement of equipment, materials and supplies in responding to environmental, hazardous, safety or rescue events (police, fire or both?) – pending but inactive.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Brian Pysher was absent from the meeting due to a death in his family.

Scott Parsons suggested that both Ron Karasek and Brian Pysher be invited to the May mid-month meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. George Hinton reported that Chief Armitage contacted Bushkill Township regarding their digital speed limit sign and was informed that it is being repaired. Once it is repaired, arrangements will be made to have it in the Borough.
2. Scott Parsons reported that a memo was received from the Zoning Officer regarding her recommendation on temporary signs for non-profit and charitable events. Scott asked Council to review the memo and it will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Recycling – Colonial Springs. Scott Parsons stated that prior to tonight's meeting he asked Harry Smith, Waste Management, about requiring the Colonial Springs Apartment Complex to recycle. Harry informed Scott that they would have a contract and the Borough could only ask them to recycle.
2. Street Paving Request. Borough Council received a petition asking the Borough to pave Fourth and Fifth Streets around the alley to Third Street. Council discussed this request and decided it would have to be further researched.
3. Dave Hess invited Council members to attend the Open House at the Wind Gap Sewer Plant scheduled for this Saturday, May 9, 2009. He asked the status of several projects that the Sewer Authority still has listed as active.

4. Roberti Property Project. George Hinton reported that a meeting was held at the site regarding the plant list provided by the consultant for the project. Scott stated that the school was contacted for help.

5. Street Signs. Council discussed installing street signs at the corner of Roosevelt Street for Oakwood Drive since there was a recent problem with an ambulance call to one of the Oakwood Drive Apartments.

**On motion** by Kerry Gassler to install green reflective street signs for Oakwood Drive and Maple and Woodward and seconded by Jon Faust. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Mayor Mitchell Mogilski informed Council Heather Hunter is organizing Relay for Life on May 15, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and the event lasts for 24 hours.

7. Mayor Mitchell Mogilski reported that he will be participating in the Swine Flu webinar and ask Council members if they are interested to contact Louise.

8. Jon Faust reported that he was contacted by Bushkill Township regarding their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration this September. The Bushkill Township Fire Company asked if Wind Gap would consider hosting the parade through the borough.

**On motion** by Kerry Gassler to allow Bushkill Township to hold their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade celebration through Wind Gap Borough and seconded by Jon Faust.

Council discussed Bushkill Township's other options and concluded that if Nazareth would not allow the Bushkill parade, Wind Gap Council would revisit this topic when more information is available. Kerry Gassler withdrew his motion.

**On motion** by Tony Curcio to adjourn the meeting of May 4, 2009. Council agreed unanimously. The meeting of May 4, 2009 adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Louise Firestone, Borough Administrator